

BILL NO. R-68-10- 23

RESOLUTION NO. R- 26-68

A RESOLUTION by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, concerning the canalizing of the Maumee and Wabash Rivers.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana was founded because of its strategic location overlooking the confluence of the Maumee, St. Marys, and St. Joseph Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Three Rivers provided the principal arteries of transportation on which the goods and people moved to this City from the east; at this site the historic portage was made to the Little Wabash and the Wabash Rivers which contributed to the development of the wilderness areas lying to the west and south of Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne developed from an early French trading post in the mid-1600's to a major transportation center of the twentieth century having service from three major railroads with over 55,400 car loadings per year; fifty-six truck lines with six of them having their home offices in Fort Wayne; being at the crossroads of America where U. S. Highways 30, 33, 24 and Interstate 69 intersect; and, furnishing from its Baer Field and Smith Field, scheduled airline and charter service for the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne has become a center for higher education with its Indiana-Purdue University Regional

Campus, Ball State University extension service, Indiana Institute of Technology, Concordia Senior College, Crosier House of Studies Seminary, Fort Wayne Art School, Fort Wayne Bible College, and International Business College, and many additional accredited institutions for technical and vocational education; it houses the largest public library collection in Indiana and the Lincoln Museum with the foremost collection of Lincolniana in existence; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Wayne is the cultural center of Northeastern Indiana and bordering Ohio counties through the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation and its member groups: Fort Wayne Art School and Museum, Fort Wayne Ballet, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre and its Children's Theatre, Fort Wayne Community Concerts, the Festival Music Theatre and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne is the agricultural center through which passes most of the agricultural products produced in Allen and the surrounding fifteen counties in Northeastern Indiana and Northwestern Ohio, which have an estimated annual value of \$228 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne is a commercial hub, having one hundred two diversified industries employing 50 or more persons and manufacturing such products as trucks (International Harvester), feed and fertilizer (Central Soya), small motors (General Electric), tires (B. F. Goodrich), radio and television (Magnavox), magnet wire, cords and cables (Essex Wire), paper

boxes (Container Corporation), potato chips (Seyfert Foods), gasoline pumps (Tokheim Corporation), ready-mix concrete (Old Fort Supply), pistons (Zollner), rear axles (Dana Corporation), precision electro-mechanical components (Bowmar Instrument), and hydrodyne boats (Midwestern Industries); and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne is the retail center for over 203,000 persons living within the Fort Wayne Metropolitan area representing a total annual payroll of \$341 million and retail sales of \$448 million; and

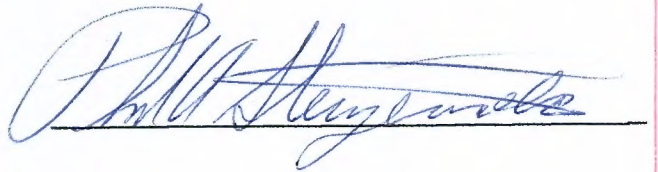
WHEREAS, the Maumee River and portage, which served the pioneers so well as a major transportation link, could, if made navigable, contribute substantially to the further development of Northeastern Indiana, Northwestern Ohio, the Wabash Valley, and the City of Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, studies are being made of the economic feasibility of canalizing the Maumee and Wabash Rivers:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, requests that the studies now underway by the United States Corps of Engineers, the Wabash Valley Interstate Commission, and others that may be involved, include the possibilities of a port located in Fort Wayne serving the fifteen county market area in Northeastern Indiana and Northwestern Ohio, so that we may proceed in an orderly fashion to make long-range plans for the creation of port facilities to service

this commercially expanding area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and such other officials as shall be deemed necessary shall attend such public meetings or hearings as shall be required and to present the position of said City favoring studies directed toward the establishment of a canal and port facilities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Heyer", is written over a horizontal line.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY, _____

CITY ATTORNEY

Read the first time in full and on motion by _____ seconded by _____ and duly adopted, read the second time by title and referred to the (Committee on) _____ (and to the City Planning Commission for recommendation) (and Public Hearing to be held after due legal notice, at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on _____ the _____ day of _____ 196 _____, at _____ o'clock P.M., E.S.T.

Date:

10-8-68

Thad G. Bonahoom
City Clerk

Read the third time in full and on motion by _____ seconded by _____ and duly adopted, placed on its passage.
Passed ~~(LOST)~~ by the following vote:

AYES 8, NAYS 0, ABSTAINED _____, ABSENT 1 to-wit:

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| Adams | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Dunifon | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Fay | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Geake | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Nuckols | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Robinson | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Rousseau | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Steigerwald | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Tipton | <u>✓</u> | _____ | _____ |

Date

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Thad G. Bonahoom
City Clerk

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as ~~(Zoning Map)(General)(Annexation)(Special)(Appropriation)~~ Ordinance (Resolution) No. R26-68 on the 8th day of October, 196 8.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Thad G. Bonahoom
City Clerk

Jack R. Dunifon
Presiding Officer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 9th day of October, 196 8 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., E.S.T.

Thad G. Bonahoom
City Clerk

Approved and signed by me this 9th day of October, 196 8 at the hour of 11:03 o'clock A.M., E.S.T.

Harold S. Zerk
Mayor